THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Marine, fresh water and technological research are carried out in the Fisheries department, in the different Fisheries Research Stations in the State.

" (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (c) Rs. 293,994 during 1953–54.

" (d) 130 tanks and 15 ponds."

Continuance of accommodation and rent control in the City.

* 161 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received a copy of the resolution from the Thyagaraya Nagar Civic Association passed on the 13th July 1954 urging the Government to remove accommodation and rent control as the housing problem has eased in the City after the formation of the Andhra State; and

(b) the reasons for still continuing the Accommodation and Rent Control offices?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The need for the continuance of accommodation and rent control still exists and the life of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, extends up to the 30th September 1955. Therefore, the posts of Accommodation and Rent Control Officers are continued for work connected with the administration of the Act."

Mobile Courts in the City.

* 162 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have set up any mobile courts in the City of Madras for the trial of cases relating to town nuisances and cutting of avenue trees?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" May I know what is the advantage of having mobile courts over the existing Presidency Magistrate Courts? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They can dispose of the cases then and there, on the spot."

Constitution of a Board of Visitors for the Karnataka Polytechnic, Mangalore.

* 163 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Polytechnics Advisory Committee has been constituted for the South Kanara district and if so, since when;

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(b) how many meetings of the Committee were held in the year 1953–54; and

(c) what are the functions of that Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes. A Board of Visitors has been constituted for the Karnataka Polytechnic, Mangalore, in May 1954.

" (b) As the constitution of the Board was ordered by Government only in May 1954, no meetings were held in the year 1953–54.

" (c) Its functions are as follows :—

(1) Visit to Polytechnics as many times as possible, at least once every month.

(2) Offer advice in regard to requirements of technical personnel for industrial development.

(3) Suggest possible improvements in training facilities.

(4) Assist as far as possible in the absorption of the trainees on completion of course either as apprentices or employees.

(5) Devise and initiate measures for arranging post-polytechnic training."

SRI N. N. SUVARNA :—" For how long has this committee been in existence and is there any prospect of any change in the personnel of the committee in the near future? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The committee has been appointed for a period of three years with effect from the 1st July 1954."

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in the State.

* 164 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many maternity and child welfare centres are now functioning in the State; and

(b) how many of them are in South Kanara district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) 449, Sir.

" (b) 31, Sir."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether maternity centres will be opened under the National Extension Service schemes? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Several maternity centres have been opened in the Community Project areas and it is open to the local authorities to open maternity centres at any place if their financial position permits it."